

Gottingen, 31 May, 1865.

Dear Mr Gray,

Your last welcome letter contained two  
Euphorbiaceous plants not received beforehand.  
I have constantly continued to study  
the last set of Wright's plants, and my  
enumeration is so far advanced that about  
two thirds of the whole are ready to be printed,  
but as I have begun with the Monocotyledons  
and Apetalous orders, just those with which  
the publication has to begin will be the last  
to be ready. Thus a few months will still  
pass before I send either the whole manu-  
script or printed sheets. For as I wrote  
to you from Sunderland in the beginning of  
last month, I would prefer having the  
manuscript printed here, though there be  
little hope to do so: since that time  
I got an offer from a Spanish gentleman,  
that my publication might possibly  
be supported by his government. As  
soon as this transaction, on which the

correspondence is still pending, with be  
settled in our way or the other, I shall  
inform you about the result and eventually  
claim your assistance for bringing the  
paper to the press.

You will be informed by Mrs. Hoising  
of Hamburg, that I have paid him  
52 *Panicum Thales* for Wright's last  
wt. The calculation was nearly the  
same as with respect to the former wt;  
I counted indeed only 322 forms,  
which I had not received beforehand  
(3/4 among 750 specimens), but as many  
of the former forms to flowers formerly  
only appeared of great value to  
my working, I have paid for 400  
grains (instead of for 322).

As I have only to say, that  
the former steamer is soon leaving,  
I have no time to waste any more,  
but must express my gratification,  
that your unhappy war with us long  
be a drawback to the happiness of  
your life, sincerely yours  
Rheinhardt.

When I Amsterdam I talked with  
N. Rheinhardt about the Cuba variety,  
but found him quite unmanageable,  
as I formerly had my reasons to  
suspect: he belongs to those, of whom it  
is best to let them alone.

Have you among your specimens of  
2424, 2425, 2426 - or 1269 no form  
with ripe nuts? The limits between  
*Phisalanthus* and *Phyllo-*  
have wrongly understood. The fruit appears  
to be dry, the panicum I see in some  
flowers enlarged as in *Guettarda*, but  
want much the knowledge of the end.  
My impression, that the fruit of  
*Phisalanthus* was a large with *Guettarda*-  
several nuts, was chiefly due to a  
sketch in Herb. Hood., but Wright's no.  
2424 seems identical with the *Pa-*  
*hana - Rubicosa* described in my *Flora*.  
I am afraid, that my materials will  
not prove sufficient to settle on  
the affinities of *Phisalanthus* and *Phyllo-*  
*nia*, both apparently nearly allied,  
but the latter to be restricted to *P. coronata*.